

RANGER PROGRAMS



They're for everyone!

You can enjoy a variety of ranger-led programs in Yellowstone, from fee-based adventure hikes and Junior Ranger activities to many free daily ranger-guided walks, talks, and evening programs described in this section.

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Especially for Children— Yellowstone Junior Rangers

Children between the ages of 5 and 12—you are invited to become Junior Rangers! Stop by any park visitor center or the Junior Ranger Station located at Madison Junction for details on how you can learn more about Yellowstone. Purchase the official Junior Ranger newspaper for \$3 and complete the program requirements. (Programs geared for Junior Rangers and their families are offered at most areas.) As Junior Rangers you will be awarded arrowhead-shaped patches—a wolf track patch if you are between the ages of 5 and 7, a bear track if you are between 8 and 12.

Interested in electronic field trips or how school classes, like the one below, can spend a week in Yellowstone? See page 4 of the newspaper.

Ranger Adventure Hikes

With a park ranger as your guide, you can explore the beautiful backcountry of Yellowstone. Stroll along the Firehole River to one of the park's back-country geysers, visit remote bubbling mudpots, trek up a mountain pass with breathtaking scenic views, or hike through wildflower-filled meadows along a cool, sparkling creek. Whatever hike you choose, be ready for fun and adventure as you immerse yourself in the natural wonders of Yellowstone's wilderness.

These very popular half-day fee hikes take place every day from June 11 through August 26. Hikes are offered from the Old Faithful, Mammoth Hot Springs, Tower, Canyon, and Lake areas. See the back page of this section for descriptions of these adventures.

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Stars Over Yellowstone

Enjoy Yellowstone's unpolluted night sky. Find constellations, hear star stories, and view the sun and other celestial objects through telescopes. Weather permitting.

Safe solar observing
Old Faithful Temporary Visitor Center area
Saturday June 24, July 22, and August 26, 2–5 PM
Safely view the sun through telescopes.

Evening Programs
Madison Campground Amphitheater
Friday, June 23, 9:30 PM
Hubble Space Telescope by Jim Manning, Director of the Hubble Space Telescope Outreach
Saturday, June 24, 9:30 PM
Hubble's Discoveries by Jim Manning

Night Sky Observing
Between the Madison Campground & Amphitheater
Friday & Saturday
June 23–24 & July 21–22, 10:30 PM
August 25–26, 10 PM
Find the Milky Way, Jupiter, craters on the Moon, the center of the Galaxy, star clusters, and nebula. Telescopes available.
Dress warmly, and bring a flashlight.

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Sungazing at Old Faithful

Stars Over Yellowstone is presented by The Museum of the Rockies and its partners, including the Southwest Montana Astronomical Society and the Abaetern Academy. The Museum of the Rockies is in Bozeman, Montana, at 600 Kagy Blvd.; 406-994-2251.

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Roads Closed

East Entrance Road
Sylvan Lake to East Entrance
OPEN, with half-hour delays, 8 AM–8 PM
CLOSED 8 PM–8 AM

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Updates at visitor centers

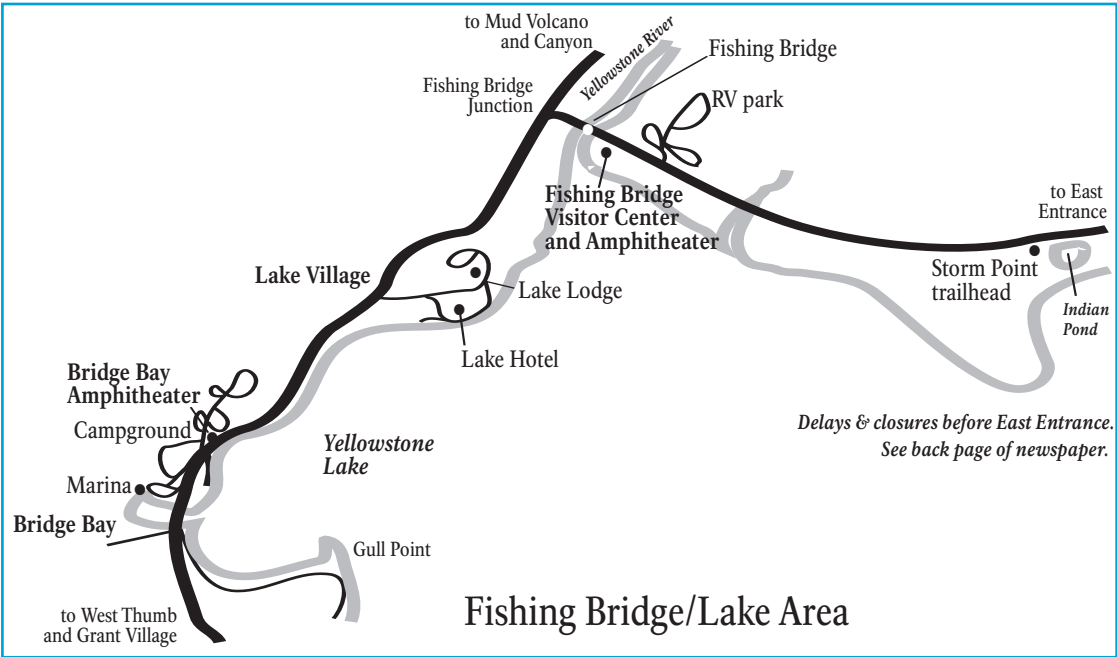
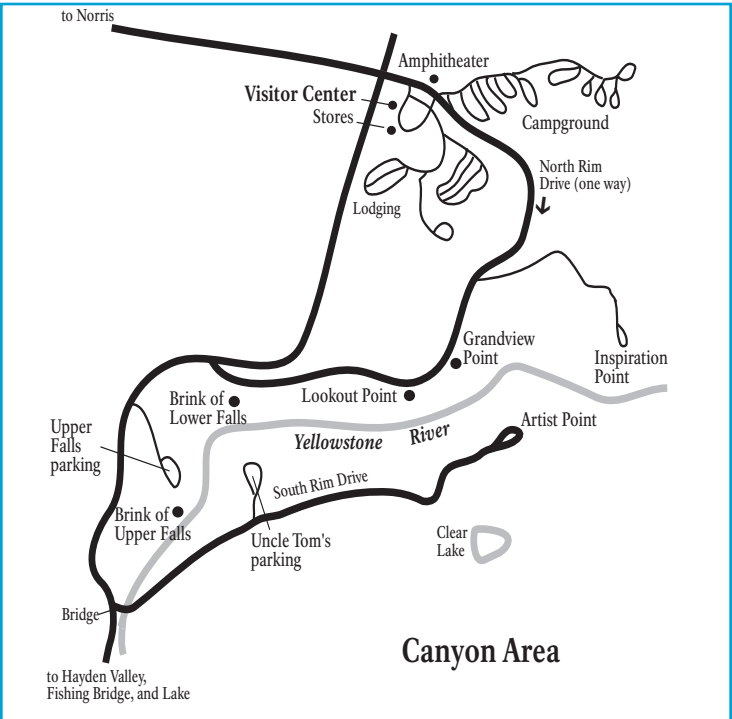
Canyon Village

Canyon Visitor Center 8 AM–7 PM

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<div>The Yellowstone Canyon Talk <i>Starting May 28</i> From a classic viewpoint, enjoy the Lower Falls, the Yellowstone River, and the spectacular colors of the canyon while learning about the area’s geology and history. Discover why artists and photographers have been drawn to this special place. Join the park ranger on the lower platform at Artist Point on the South Rim Drive for this short talk. ♻️ <i>10–15 minutes</i> *10 AM talk geared for families with children of Junior Ranger age. ♿️ <i>20–30 minutes</i></div>	*10 AM 10:40 AM 11 AM 2 PM 2:20 PM 2:40 PM 4 PM 4:20 PM 4:40 PM 5/28–9/3	*10 AM 10:40 AM 11 AM 2 PM 2:20 PM 2:40 PM 4 PM 4:20 PM 4:40 PM 5/29–9/4	*10 AM 10:40 AM 11 AM 2 PM 2:20 PM 2:40 PM 4 PM 4:20 PM 4:40 PM 5/30–8/29	*10 AM 10:40 AM 11 AM 2 PM 2:20 PM 2:40 PM 4 PM 4:20 PM 4:40 PM 5/31–8/30	*10 AM 10:40 AM 11 AM 2 PM 2:20 PM 2:40 PM 4 PM 4:20 PM 4:40 PM 6/1–8/31	*10 AM 10:40 AM 11 AM 2 PM 2:20 PM 2:40 PM 4 PM 4:20 PM 4:40 PM 6/2–9/1	*10 AM 10:40 AM 11 AM 2 PM 2:20 PM 2:40 PM 4 PM 4:20 PM 4:40 PM 6/3–9/2
<div>Walking the Canyon Rim <i>June 4–30 (also afternoon walk; see below)</i> Words can hardly convey the startling beauty of the Yellowstone River, its Grand Canyon and spectacular waterfalls. Explore the geology and natural history behind the scenery. Meet a park ranger at Uncle Tom’s Parking Lot on the South Rim Drive (road to Artist Point). <i>1½ hours</i></div>	9 AM 6/4–6/25	9 AM 6/5–6/26	9 AM 6/6–6/27	9 AM 6/7–6/28	9 AM 6/8–6/29	9 AM 6/9–6/30	9 AM 6/10–6/24
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<div>The Canyon Loop Walk <i>Starting July 1</i> Walk along the upper Grand Canyon of the Yellowstone River, then along an established trail through meadows and forest, finally looping back to the parking area. Explore the geology and natural history of the canyon area, while enjoying a bit of its backcountry. Meet a park ranger at Uncle Tom’s Parking Lot on the South Rim Drive (road to Artist Point). <i>2½ hours</i></div>	9 AM 7/2–9/3	9 AM 7/3–9/4	9 AM 7/4–8/29	9 AM 7/5–8/30	9 AM 7/6–8/31	9 AM 7/7–9/1	9 AM 7/1–9/2
<div>Canyon Evening Program <i>Starting June 11</i> Join a park ranger for an illustrated program and learn more about some aspect of Yellowstone’s natural or cultural history. Inquire locally on bulletin boards and at the Canyon Visitor Center for program titles and descriptions. *Meet at the Canyon Campground Amphitheater. ♻️ <i>45 minutes</i> *Weather and snow levels permitting.</div>	9:30 PM 6/11–7/23 9 PM 7/30–9/3	9:30 PM 6/12–7/24 9 PM 7/31–9/4	9:30 PM 6/13–7/25 9 PM 8/1–8/29	9:30 PM 6/14–7/26 9 PM 8/2–8/30	9:30 PM 6/15–7/27 9 PM 8/3–8/31	9:30 PM 6/16–7/28 9 PM 8/4–9/1	9:30 PM 6/17–7/29 9 PM 8/5–9/2

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Fishing Bridge/Lake Village

Fishing Bridge Visitor Center 8 AM–7 PM

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Wildlife Watching in Hayden Valley <i>Starting June 18</i> Take a leisurely morning stroll to observe the birds and mammals of Hayden Valley. Meet the park ranger at the large pullout in Hayden Valley, 9½ miles north of Fishing Bridge Junction and 6 miles south of Canyon Junction. <i>2 hours</i>	7 AM 6/18–8/13				7 AM 6/22–8/17		
Fly-Fishing for Families <i>Starting June 17</i> One way to learn about Yellowstone’s world class trout and aquatic ecosystems is through the art of fly-fishing. Join a ranger for a talk on the importance of catch and release for the preservation of wild trout and an introduction to the sport. Bring fly rods if you have them. Meet at the Nez Perce Ford Picnic Area, 5 miles north of Fishing Bridge Junction. <i>1½ hours</i>							8:30 AM 6/17–8/19
Yellowstone Lake Reflections Walk <i>Starting May 28</i> Yellowstone Lake offers evidence of the powerful forces that continue to shape the face of Yellowstone. Walk through meadow, forest, and along the lakeshore to learn more about the largest lake at high elevation in North America. Meet at Indian Pond, 3 miles east of Fishing Bridge. <i>2 hours</i>	10:30 AM 5/28–8/20	10:30 AM 5/29–8/21	10:30 AM 5/30–8/22	10:30 AM 5/31–8/23	10:30 AM 6/1–8/24	10:30 AM 6/2–8/25	10:30 AM 6/3–8/26
Mud Volcano Exploration Walk <i>Starting May 28</i> Early explorers described the Mud Volcano area as “the greatest marvel we have yet met with.” Find out what these intriguing mudpots have to tell us about Yellowstone’s explosive past and future. Moderately strenuous. Meet at Mud Volcano parking area. <i>2 hours.</i>	1 PM 5/28–9/3	1 PM 5/29–9/4	1 PM 5/30–8/29	1 PM 5/31–8/30	1 PM 6/1–8/31	1 PM 6/2–9/1	1 PM 6/3–9/2
A Cutthroat Encounter: Fisheries Management in Yellowstone <i>Starting May 28</i> People often wonder why no fishing is allowed from the “Fishing Bridge.” The answer to this question tells of some of the greatest disasters and the greatest triumphs of fisheries management in Yellowstone. Observe cutthroat trout from this famous bridge and learn about the current challenges they face. Meet the park ranger on the west side of Fishing Bridge for this short talk. <i>20 minutes</i>	3 PM 5/28–9/3	3 PM 5/29–9/4	3 PM 5/30–8/29	3 PM 5/31–8/30	3 PM 6/1–8/31	3 PM 6/2–9/1	3 PM 6/3–9/2
Featured Creature <i>Starting June 18</i> Yellowstone has been called the wildlife wonder of the continent, the American Serengeti. Join a park ranger to learn about a different bird or other wildlife species daily. Inquire at Fishing Bridge Visitor Center about what the “featured creature” is today. Meet at the Fishing Bridge Visitor Center. <i>30 minutes</i>	5 PM 6/18–8/13	5 PM 6/19–8/14	5 PM 6/20–8/15	5 PM 6/21–8/16	5 PM 6/22–8/17	5 PM 6/23–8/18	5 PM 6/24–8/19
Family Campfire Program <i>Starting June 12</i> Join a park ranger around the campfire for this entertaining program designed especially for families with young children for whom the evening illustrated program is too late. Meet at Bridge Bay Campground Amphitheater. <i>45 minutes</i>		6 PM 6/12–8/14		6 PM 6/14–8/16		6 PM 6/16–8/18	
Fishing Bridge Evening Program <i>Starting June 11</i> Learn more about Yellowstone at this evening illustrated program and campfire. Inquire at Fishing Bridge Visitor Center or look on local bulletin boards for daily program titles and descriptions. Meet at Fishing Bridge Visitor Center Amphitheater. ♿ <i>45 minutes</i>	9:30 PM 6/11–7/23 9 PM 7/30–9/3	9:30 PM 6/12–7/24 9 PM 7/31–9/4	9:30 PM 6/13–7/25 9 PM 8/1–8/29	9:30 PM 6/14–7/26 9 PM 8/2–8/30	9:30 PM 6/15–7/27 9 PM 8/3–8/31	9:30 PM 6/16–7/28 9 PM 8/4–9/1	9:30 PM 6/17–7/29 9 PM 8/5–9/2
Bridge Bay Evening Program <i>Starting June 11</i> Gather around the campfire for an illustrated program on an interesting aspect of Yellowstone. Inquire at Fishing Bridge Visitor Center or look on local bulletin boards for daily program titles and descriptions. Meet at Bridge Bay Campground Amphitheater. <i>45 minutes</i>	9:30 PM 6/11–7/23 9 PM 7/30–9/3	9:30 PM 6/12–7/24 9 PM 7/31–9/4	9:30 PM 6/13–7/25 9 PM 8/1–8/29	9:30 PM 6/14–7/26 9 PM 8/2–8/30	9:30 PM 6/15–7/27 9 PM 8/3–8/31	9:30 PM 6/16–7/28 9 PM 8/4–9/1	9:30 PM 6/17–7/29 9 PM 8/5–9/2

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Grant Village/West Thumb

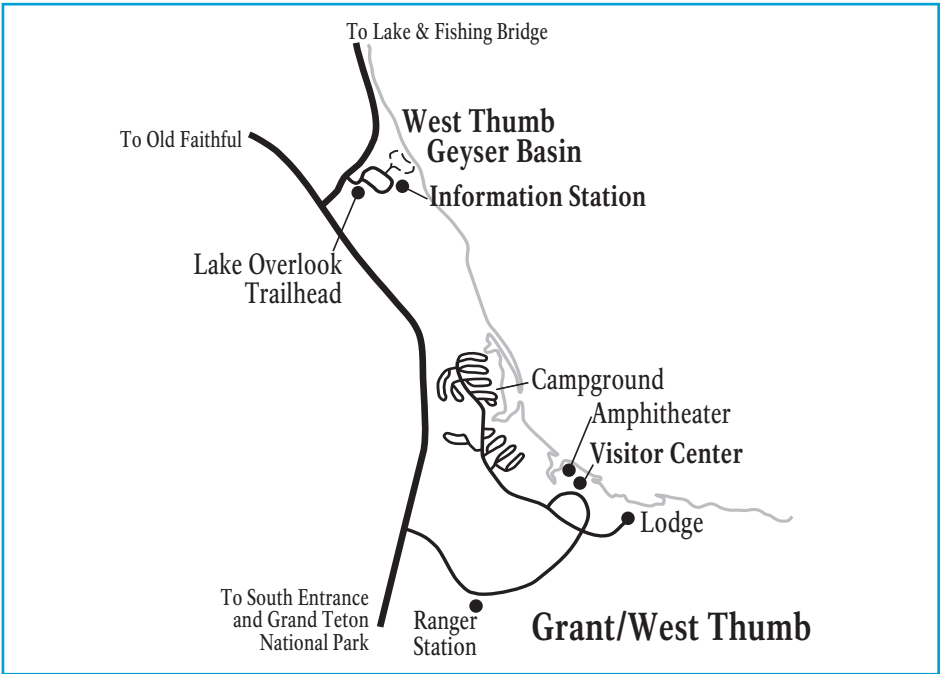
Grant Visitor Center 8 AM–7 PM
West Thumb Information Station 9 AM–5 PM

	Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Weds.	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
Walking the Fire Line <i>Starting June 25</i> The fires of 1988 were the greatest natural event to occur in the Yellowstone region since the massive volcanic eruption some 640,000 years ago. Discover how fire shapes this land, altering the lives of wildflowers, wildlife, and humans alike. End your walk with a spectacular view that will change the very way you look at Yellowstone. Round-trip distance is 2 miles. Moderately strenuous. Meet at Lake Overlook Trailhead in the West Thumb Geyser Basin Parking Lot. Reservations Required 1½ hours	8 AM 6/25–9/3	8 AM 6/26–9/4			8 AM 6/29–8/31	8 AM 6/30–9/1	8 AM 7/1–9/2
	Reservations required. Call the Grant Visitor Center: 307-242-2650. Group limited to 15.						
Discover Yellowstone <i>Starting June 4</i> Want to know how to make the most of your time in Yellowstone? Let a ranger reveal the highlights and hotspots of this 2.2 million acre wonderland. Discover answers to important questions such as “Where can I find wildlife? When will the geysers erupt? Or what are some good hiking trails in the park?” Meet on the back porch of the Grant Village Visitor Center. ⌚ 10 minutes	10:15 AM 5:15 PM 6/4–9/3	10:15 AM 5:15 PM 6/5–9/4			10:15 AM 5:15 PM 6/8–8/31	10:15 AM 5:15 PM 6/9–9/1	10:15 AM 5:15 PM 6/10–9/2
Hidden Stories <i>Starting June 4</i> Discover behind-the-scene stories of Yellowstone’s fascinating wildlife, geologic curiosities, and natural processes. Explore the challenge of preserving and protecting these treasures for future generations. Topics may include bison, wolves, lake trout, geysers, thermophiles, and fire ecology. Meet on the back porch of Grant Visitor Center. ⌚ 20 minutes	11:30 AM 2:30 PM 6/4–9/3	11:30 AM 2:30 PM 6/5–9/4	11:30 AM 2:30 PM 6/6–8/29	11:30 AM 2:30 PM 6/7–8/30	11:30 AM 2:30 PM 6/8–8/31	11:30 AM 2:30 PM 6/9–9/1	11:30 AM 2:30 PM 6/10–9/2
Explosive Encounter <i>Starting June 11</i> Come to the West Thumb Geyser Basin and explore the origins of glittering geysers, belching mud pots, and emerald hot springs. Stroll along the shores of Yellowstone Lake to uncover West Thumb’s explosive past and dynamic future. Meet at the West Thumb Visitor Information Station. ⌚ with assistance 1½ hours	10 AM 4 PM 6/11–9/3	10 AM 4 PM 6/12–9/4	10 AM 4 PM 6/13–8/29	10 AM 4 PM 6/14–8/30	10 AM 4 PM 6/15–8/31	10 AM 4 PM 6/16–9/1	10 AM 4 PM 6/17–9/2
Tracking Yellowstone’s Wildlife <i>Starting June 18</i> Having trouble finding wildlife? This family-friendly walk will give you an introduction to understanding animal sign. Scat, tracks, and other mysterious clues will help you read the forest and discover the secret lives of its residents. Meet at the West Thumb Visitor Information Station. This easy walk is geared to families with children of Junior Ranger age. Round trip distance is 1 mile. 1 hour	1 PM 6/18–8/13	1 PM 6/19–8/14	1:30 PM 6/20–8/15	1:30 PM 6/21–8/16	1 PM 6/22–8/17	1 PM 6/23–8/18	1 PM 6/24–8/19
Ranger Rendezvous <i>Starting June 18</i> Meet with a park ranger for this early evening program designed for the young and the young at heart. Learn more about Yellowstone’s diverse geology, history, or wildlife riches as you ease into evening. Check locally for program topics. Meet on the back porch of Grant Visitor Center. ⌚—ask ranger for assistance after Visitor Center closes at 7 PM. 30 minutes	7:30 PM 6/18–8/13	7:30 PM 6/19–8/14	7:30 PM 6/20–8/15	7:30 PM 6/21–8/16	7:30 PM 6/22–8/17	7:30 PM 6/23–8/18	7:30 PM 6/24–8/19
Grant Evening Program <i>Starting June 21</i> Join a park ranger for this illustrated presentation focusing on Yellowstone’s natural or cultural wonders. Check locally for program topics. Meet at Grant Amphitheater. Dress warmly and bring a flashlight. ⌚ 45 minutes	9:30 PM 6/25–7/23 9 PM 7/30–9/3	9:30 PM 6/26–7/24 9 PM 7/31–9/4	9:30 PM 6/27–7/25 9 PM 8/1–8/29	9:30 PM 6/21–7/26 9 PM 8/2–8/30	9:30 PM 6/22–7/27 9 PM 8/3–8/31	9:30 PM 6/23–7/28 9 PM 8/4–9/1	9:30 PM 6/24–7/29 9 PM 8/5–9/2

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Madison & West Yellowstone

West Yellowstone Visitor Information Center 8 AM–8 PM

Madison Information Station & Junior Ranger Station 9 AM–5 PM

	Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Weds.	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
Explore Yellowstone! <i>Starting May 27</i> Would you like ideas on how to spend your time in Yellowstone? Meet a park ranger at the West Yellowstone Visitor Information Center, corner of Yellowstone Avenue and Canyon Street, for a talk about what to see and do in the park. 🕒 20–30 minutes	9:30 AM 5/28–9/24	9:30 AM 5/29–9/25	9:30 AM 5/30–9/26	9:30 AM 5/31–9/27	9:30 AM 6/1–9/28	9:30 AM 6/2–9/29	9:30 AM 5/27–9/30
Junior Ranger Station Activities <i>Starting June 3</i> Hey kids! Join a park ranger to learn about Yellowstone’s wonderful wildlife, geysers, history, and much more. This is a great opportunity to complete the ranger-led activity required to earn your Junior Ranger patch. These family programs are geared towards kids of Junior Ranger age (5–12). Meet at the Junior Ranger Station at Madison Junction. Interactive programs offered daily. 30 minutes	10 AM 10:30 AM 11 AM 11:30 AM 2 PM 2:30 PM 3 PM 3:30 PM 4 PM 4:30 PM 6/4–9/3	10 AM 10:30 AM 11 AM 11:30 AM 2 PM 2:30 PM 3 PM 3:30 PM 4 PM 4:30 PM 6/5–9/4	10 AM 10:30 AM 11 AM 11:30 AM 2 PM 2:30 PM 3 PM 3:30 PM 4 PM 4:30 PM 6/6–8/29	10 AM 10:30 AM 11 AM 11:30 AM 2 PM 2:30 PM 3 PM 3:30 PM 4 PM 4:30 PM 6/7–8/30	10 AM 10:30 AM 11 AM 11:30 AM 2 PM 2:30 PM 3 PM 3:30 PM 4 PM 4:30 PM 6/8–8/31	10 AM 10:30 AM 11 AM 11:30 AM 2 PM 2:30 PM 3 PM 3:30 PM 4 PM 4:30 PM 6/9–9/1	10 AM 10:30 AM 11 AM 11:30 AM 2 PM 2:30 PM 3 PM 3:30 PM 4 PM 4:30 PM 6/3–9/2
Afternoon Talk in West <i>Starting June 4</i> Each afternoon, a ranger will present a talk in West Yellowstone, Montana, on a captivating aspect of Yellowstone’s natural or cultural history. Locations: The Museum of the Yellowstone, corner of Yellowstone Avenue and Canyon Street; The Grizzly and Wolf Discovery Center, 201 South Canyon Street. Talks are free and open to the public. There is a fee if you choose to visit the rest of the Museum of the Yellowstone or the Grizzly and Wolf Discovery Center. 🕒 30 minutes	2 PM MUSEUM OF THE YELLOWSTONE 6/4–9/3	2 PM MUSEUM OF THE YELLOWSTONE 6/5–9/4	2 PM GRIZZLY & WOLF DISCOVERY CENTER 6/6–8/29	2 PM MUSEUM OF THE YELLOWSTONE 6/7–8/30	2 PM GRIZZLY & WOLF DISCOVERY CENTER 6/8–8/31	2 PM MUSEUM OF THE YELLOWSTONE 6/9–9/1	2 PM GRIZZLY & WOLF DISCOVERY CENTER 6/10–9/2
West Yellowstone Evening Program <i>Starting June 13</i> Join a park ranger for an illustrated program highlighting a fascinating aspect of Yellowstone’s wonders. Location: Grizzly and Wolf Discovery Center theater, 201 South Canyon Street in West Yellowstone, Montana. Everyone is welcome. The ranger program is free. There is a fee if you choose to visit the rest of the center (an educational non-profit bear and wolf preserve). 🕒 45 minutes			7:30 PM 6/13–7/25 7 PM 8/1–8/22				7:30 PM 6/17–7/29 7 PM 8/5–8/26
Madison Evening Program <i>Starting May 28</i> Each night a park ranger will present an illustrated program highlighting a different aspect of Yellowstone’s wonders. Inquire locally on bulletin boards and at the Madison Information Station for program titles and descriptions. Meet at the Madison Amphitheater. 🕒 45 minutes	9:30 PM 5/28–7/23 9 PM 7/30–9/3	9:30 PM 5/29–7/24 9 PM 7/31–9/4	9:30 PM 5/30–7/25 9 PM 8/1–8/29	9:30 PM 5/31–7/26 9 PM 8/2–8/30	9:30 PM 6/1–7/27 9 PM 8/3–8/31	9:30 PM 6/2–7/28 9 PM 8/4–9/1	9:30 PM 6/3–7/29 9 PM 8/5–9/2

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Norris

Information Station and Museum 10 AM–5 PM

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Windows Into Yellowstone Walk <i>Starting June 7</i> Experience the muddy caldrons, acidic geysers, and clear pools of Norris Geyser Basin! Join a park ranger for a walk through this magical land and learn about the park’s geologic past, present, and future. Meet at the Norris Geyser Basin Museum. Bring water, sunglasses, and sunscreen. 1½ hours	10 AM 6/11–9/3	10 AM 6/12–9/4	10 AM 6/13–8/29	10 AM 6/7–8/30		10 AM 6/9–9/1	10 AM 6/10–9/2
Volcano Country Talk <i>Starting June 2</i> The heart of Yellowstone is its geologic past. Join a park ranger to learn about the park’s fascinating landscapes, plants, hydrothermal features, or wildlife, and the powerful earth forces that make them possible. Meet at the Norris Geyser Basin Museum. 🕒 20 minutes	2:30 PM 6/4–9/3	2:30 PM 6/5–9/4	2:30 PM 6/6–8/29	2:30 PM 6/7–8/30	2:30 PM 6/8–8/31	2:30 PM 6/2–9/1	2:30 PM 6/3–9/2
Norris Campfire Program <i>Starting June 11</i> Bring the whole family and join a park ranger for an old-fashioned, cozy campfire talk. Inquire locally on bulletin boards for program titles and descriptions. Meet at the Norris Campground Campfire Circle. 🕒 45 minutes	7:30 PM 6/11–9/3	7:30 PM 6/12–9/4	7:30 PM 6/13–8/29	7:30 PM 6/14–8/30	7:30 PM 6/15–8/31	7:30 PM 6/16–9/1	7:30 PM 6/17–9/2

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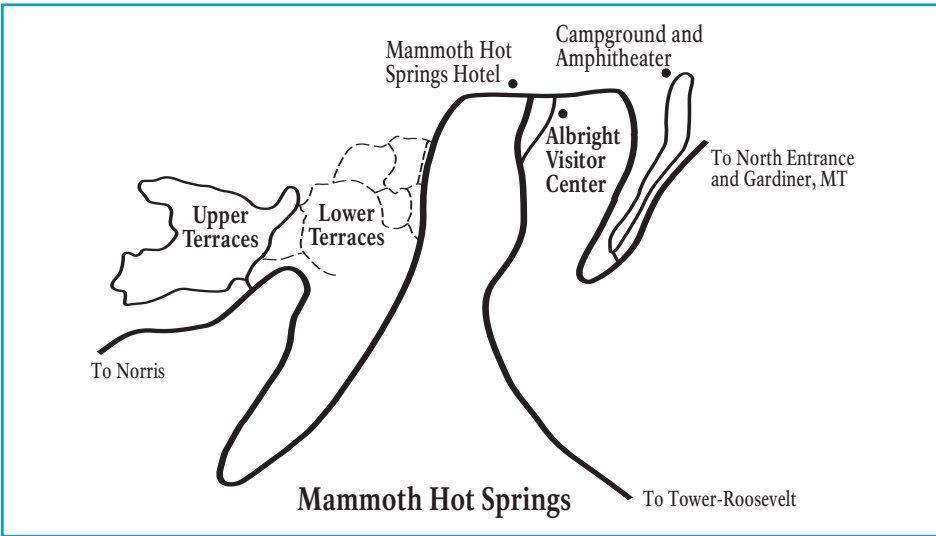
Mammoth Hot Springs

Albright Visitor Center 8 AM–7 PM

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The Mammoth Hot Springs Terraces—Walk <i>Starting May 29</i> Discover Yellowstone’s colorful geologic past and present through the rainbow hues of Mammoth Hot Springs. Learn how these dynamic terraces of travertine are unique among the park’s hydrothermal features. Route climbs stairs; may be strenuous for some. Meet at the Liberty Cap rock formation at the base of the hot springs. <i>1½ hours</i>	9 AM 6/4–8/13	9 AM 5/29–8/14	9 AM 5/30–8/15	9 AM 5/31–8/16	9 AM 6/1–8/17	9 AM 6/2–8/18	9 AM 6/3–8/19
Mammoth Daily Special—Talk <i>Starting June 4</i> Sample some of Yellowstone’s wonders at this 20-minute ranger talk. A different topic is served up daily, featuring wildlife, geology, or history. Meet the ranger on the lawn outside the Albright Visitor Center, or in the theater if it’s raining. ♿ <i>20–30 minutes</i>	3 PM 6/4–8/13	3 PM 6/5–8/14	3 PM 6/6–8/15	3 PM 6/7–8/16	3 PM 6/8–8/17	3 PM 6/9–8/18	3 PM 6/10–8/19
Touring Historic Fort Yellowstone—Walk <i>Starting June 9</i> In its early days, Yellowstone National Park was protected by the U. S. Cavalry. Join a ranger on this short, relaxed walk around Fort Yellowstone to learn about important historic park events and to discover the role the Army played in protecting Yellowstone. Meet in front of Albright Visitor Center. ♿ <i>1 hour</i>	6 PM 6/11–9/3	6 PM 6/12–9/4	6 PM 6/13–8/29	6 PM 6/14–8/30	6 PM 6/15–8/31	6 PM 6/9–9/1	6 PM 6/10–9/2
Mammoth Evening Program <i>Starting June 11</i> Enjoy an illustrated program about Yellowstone’s natural or cultural history. Inquire locally on bulletin boards and at visitor centers for program titles and descriptions. Meet at the Mammoth Campground amphitheater. ♿ <i>1 hour</i>	9:30 PM 6/11–7/23 9 PM 7/30–9/3	9:30 PM 6/12–7/24 9 PM 7/31–9/4	9:30 PM 6/13–7/25 9 PM 8/1–8/29	9:30 PM 6/14–7/26 9 PM 8/2–8/30	9:30 PM 6/15–7/27 9 PM 8/3–8/31	9:30 PM 6/16–7/28 9 PM 8/4–9/1	9:30 PM 6/17–7/29 9 PM 8/5–9/2

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Concessioner Activities

Make advance reservations at any hotel front desk or activity desk.
Ask for additional activity information, brochures, and “Experience Planners” at these locations.

Horseback Rides

For a western-flavored Yellowstone experience, saddle up and join a congenial guide for a trail ride from one of our three corrals—Mammoth Hot Springs (5/12–9/17), Roosevelt Lodge (6/9–9/3), or Canyon Village (6/17–9/2). 1-hour ride, \$33; 2-hour ride, \$52. Children must be at least 8 years old and 48 inches tall. Children 8–11 must be accompanied by a person(s) 16 years or older. Weight limit: 250 pounds. Only one rider per horse.

Stagecoach Rides

6/9–9/3, daily. Relive the wild West experience of a stagecoach ride at Roosevelt Lodge. Adult \$9.10; child (2–11) \$7.50; under 2, free.

Old West Cookout

6/10–9/3, daily. Enjoy a delicious steak cookout dinner via horse-drawn wagon or horseback from Roosevelt Lodge. Reservations required. Wagon: Adult \$51; Child (5–11) \$41; under 5 free if eating off parent’s plate. Horseback, 1hr: Adult \$61; Child (8–11) \$51. Horseback, 2 hr: Adult \$72, Child (8–11) \$62.

GUIDED TOURS

Guided Fishing or Scenic Charters

6/15–9/10. Guides at Bridge Bay Marina tailor a trip to suit your interests. 22 ft. Cabin Cruiser (1–6 people): \$70/hr; 34 ft. Cabin Cruiser (1–6 people): \$90/hr.

Picture Perfect Photo Safari

Old Faithful: 5/31–10/1, Wed–Sun.; Mammoth Hot Springs; 6/5–10/1, Mon.–Fri.; Lake Hotel 6/2–10/3, Fri.–Tues. Adult \$55; Child (16 and under) \$28.

Yellowstone Lake “Historic” Sunset Tour

6/6–9/23, daily. Meet at Lake Hotel or Fishing Bridge RV Park. Adult \$26; Child (16 and under) \$13.

Historic Lake Hotel

5/22–10/06, Mon.–Fri. Check with the front desk for times. Meet under the portico on the side of the hotel facing the lake for this 45-minute tour. Free.

Historic Old Faithful Inn

6/26–10/9, daily; 9:30 AM, 11 AM, 2 PM, 3:30 PM. Meet at the fire-place in the Old Faithful Inn Lobby for this 45-minute tour. Free.

Teton Vista Rendezvous

6/5–9/22, Mon, Wed & Fri from Old Faithful, Grant Village,

Bridge Bay Campground (ends 9/15), Lake Hotel, and Fishing Bridge RV Park. Adult \$54; Teen (12–16) \$27; under 12, free

Circle of Fire

5/20–9/23 from Lake Hotel & Fishing Bridge RV Park; 5/27–9/23 from Old Faithful & Grant Village; 6/3–9/16 from Canyon. Adult \$50; Teen (12–16) \$25.

Firehole Basin

5/20–6/26, check with any front desk for departure locations and times; 6/27–9/17, 1 PM from Old Faithful Inn. Adult \$25; Teen (12–16) \$12.50; under 12, free.

Yellowstone In a Day

Daily 6/3–9/23. From Mammoth Hot Springs: Adult \$56; Teen (12–16) \$28. From Gardiner: Adult \$58; Teen (12–16) \$29. Both, children under 12, free.

Washburn Expedition

5/20–9/23 from Fishing Bridge & Lake Hotel; 5/27–9/16 from Bridge Bay Campground; 6/3–9/16 from Canyon. Adult \$46; Teen (12–16) \$23; under 12, free.

Beartooth Alpine Adventure

Sunday 6/11–9/10 from Canyon, Fishing Bridge RV Park, Lake Hotel, and Bridge Bay Campground. Adult \$54; Teen (12–16) \$27; under 12 free.

Old Faithful

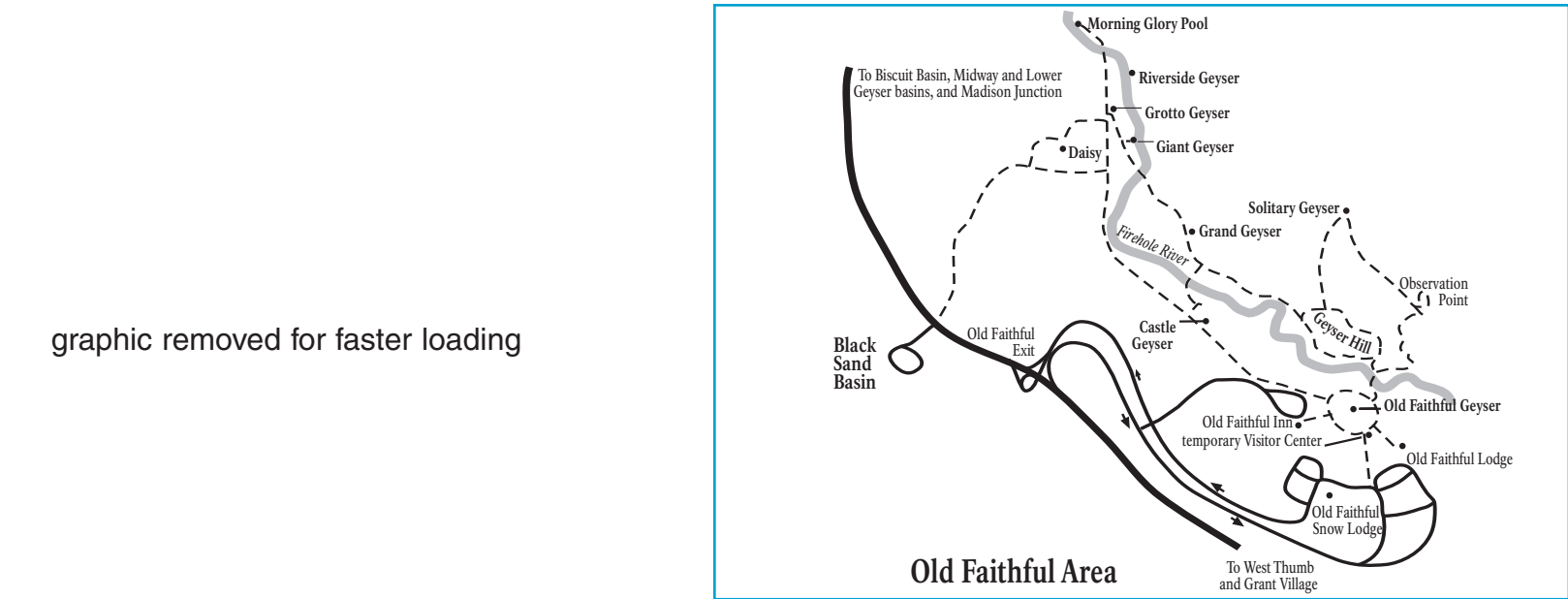
Old Faithful Visitor Center 8 AM–7 PM

*The visitor center is in temporary quarters near the Old Faithful Lodge.
Please look for signs or ask for directions upon arriving in the area.*

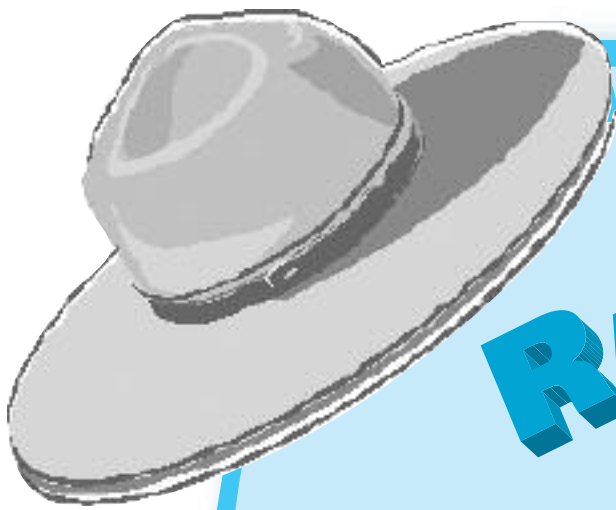
	Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Weds.	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
Ranger Adventure Hikes—Starting June 13 Explore Yellowstone’s backcountry on a half-day interpretive hike with a park ranger. Visit lesser-known hydrothermal areas, explore wildlife habitats, and experience a slice of Yellowstone’s wilderness. Program locations vary daily. Hikes rated from easy to strenuous. Some hikes not recommended for people with heart, breathing, or serious medical conditions. Information and tickets are available at these visitor centers: Old Faithful, Albright (Mammoth), Grant, Canyon, and Fishing Bridge. This is a fee program: \$15 for adults, \$5 for kids ages 7–15, free for kids six and under. All children 15 and under must be accompanied by an adult. See article on back page for more information.			8 AM 6/13–8/22 MUDPOT SPECIAL	8 AM 6/14–8/23 SHOSHONE LAKE DISCOVERY	8 AM 6/15–8/24 MUDPOT SPECIAL	8 AM 6/16–8/25 SHOSHONE LAKE DISCOVERY	7:30 AM 6/17–8/26 LONE STAR STROLL
Geyser Hill Walk <i>Starting May 28</i> Yellowstone has more hydrothermal features than anywhere else in the world. Learn about Yellowstone’s volcanic history and explore the world of hydrothermal features on this 1¼ mile walk. Meet at the temporary Old Faithful Visitor Center. <i>1½ hours</i>	8 AM 5/28–9/3	8 AM 5/29–9/4	8 AM 5/30–8/29	8 AM 5/31–8/30	8 AM 6/1–8/31	8 AM 6/2–9/1	8 AM 6/3–9/2
Mystic Falls Walk <i>Starting June 4</i> Experience the Yellowstone ecosystem while enjoying this 2-mile walk through Biscuit Basin to Mystic Falls. Meet at the Firehole River Bridge adjacent to the Biscuit Basin parking lot, 2 miles north of Old Faithful. Not recommended for people with heart, breathing, or walking difficulties and may include walking along muddy trails. <i>1½ hours</i>	9 AM 6/4–8/20	9 AM 6/5–8/21	9 AM 6/6–8/22	9 AM 6/7–8/23	9 AM 6/8–8/24	9 AM 6/9–8/25	9 AM 6/10–8/26
Yellowstone for Kids! <i>Starting June 4</i> Discover some of the wonders of Yellowstone during this short presentation for kids. Gather in front of the temporary Old Faithful Visitor Center for this outdoor program. ♿ <i>20 minutes</i>	10 AM 6/4–8/20	10 AM 6/5–8/21	10 AM 6/6–8/22	10 AM 6/7–8/23	10 AM 6/8–8/24	10 AM 6/9–8/25	10 AM 6/10–8/26
Geysers Galore! <i>Starting May 27</i> Take a quick look at Yellowstone’s fascinating and visible geologic story. Meet in front of the temporary Old Faithful Visitor Center for this outdoor program. ♿ <i>10 minutes</i>	12:15 PM 12:45 PM 1:15 PM 1:45 PM 2:15 PM 2:45 PM 5/28–9/3	12:15 PM 12:45 PM 1:15 PM 1:45 PM 2:15 PM 2:45 PM 5/29–9/4	12:15 PM 12:45 PM 1:15 PM 1:45 PM 2:15 PM 2:45 PM 5/30–8/29	12:15 PM 12:45 PM 1:15 PM 1:45 PM 2:15 PM 2:45 PM 5/31–8/30	12:15 PM 12:45 PM 1:15 PM 1:45 PM 2:15 PM 2:45 PM 6/1–8/31	12:15 PM 12:45 PM 1:15 PM 1:45 PM 2:15 PM 2:45 PM 6/2–9/1	12:15 PM 12:45 PM 1:15 PM 1:45 PM 2:15 PM 2:45 PM 5/27–9/2
Black Sand Walk <i>Starting June 4</i> Visit a lesser-known geyser basin with ample evidence of Yellowstone’s volcanic geology on this half-mile walk. Meet at Black Sand Basin parking lot, one mile north of Old Faithful. <i>1 hour</i>	1 PM 6/4–8/20	1 PM 6/5–8/21	1 PM 6/6–8/22	1 PM 6/7–8/23	1 PM 6/8–8/24	1 PM 6/9–8/25	1 PM 6/10–8/26
Geyser Discovery Stroll <i>Starting May 28</i> Learn the ins and outs of one of the rarest geological features on earth—geysers! Accompany a park ranger through the Upper Geyser Basin exploring the world of geysers. Meet at Castle Geyser, ½ mile west of Old Faithful (15-minute walk from the Visitor Center). <i>1½ hours</i>	5:30 PM 5/28–9/3	5:30 PM 5/29–9/4	5:30 PM 5/30–8/29	5:30 PM 5/31–8/30	5:30 PM 6/1–8/31	5:30 PM 6/2–9/1	5:30 PM 6/3–9/2
Old Faithful Evening Feature <i>Starting May 28</i> Each evening a different aspect of Yellowstone’s wonders will be featured during this 45-minute outdoor talk. Meet the ranger at the benches in front of Old Faithful near the temporary Old Faithful Visitor Center. ♿ <i>45 minutes</i>	7:30 PM 5/28–9/3	7:30 PM 5/29–9/4	7:30 PM 5/30–8/29	7:30 PM 5/31–8/30	7:30 PM 6/1–8/31	7:30 PM 6/2–9/1	7:30 PM 6/3–9/2

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Visit Lone Star Geyser on a Ranger Adventure Hike.



RANGER ADVENTURE HIKES

Explore Yellowstone on a guided half-day hike with a ranger! Tickets available at Albright (Mammoth Hot Springs), Old Faithful, Grant, Fishing Bridge, and Canyon visitor centers.

WHEN: June 11–August 26, starting dates vary (see each area listing inside)
FEE: \$15 Ages 16 and older; \$5 Ages 7–15; Free for ages 6 and under
RESERVATIONS REQUIRED

Gem of the Rockies 8 AM, Mondays & Thursdays

Garnet Hill lies at the heart Yellowstone’s famed northern range, home to vast herds of wildlife and beautiful meadows. Hike through Pleasant Valley into the forest glen of Elk Creek and along the roaring Yellowstone River as we circle Garnet Hill on this “gem” of a trail.

Area of Park Tower/Roosevelt
Difficulty Moderate (Elevation gain: 300 ft/90 m)
Duration 6–6.5 hours
Total Distance 7.5 miles/12 km
Type of Trail Loop; stagecoach dirt road and maintained trail.

Beaver Ponds Ramble 8 AM, Sundays & Tuesdays

Cool aspen groves, Douglas-fir woodlands and sunny meadows greet you as you walk the undulating terrain of this loop trail. Several tranquil ponds along the way hold the promise of some wildlife sightings, and the views of northern Yellowstone are spectacular.

Area of Park Mammoth Hot Springs
Difficulty Moderate (Elevation gain: 600 ft/186 m)
Duration 5 hours
Total Distance 5 miles/8 km
Type of Trail Loop; hilly maintained trail.

Scenic Snow Pass 8 AM, Wednesdays

Hike among the strange, jumbled boulders of the Hoodoos and trek through groves of aspen and Douglas-fir as we ascend Snow Pass. From there, we’ll revel in the mountain scenery and seasonal wildflowers of the Gallatin Range as we explore this delightful and diverse corner of Yellowstone.

Area of Park Mammoth Hot Springs
Difficulty Moderate (Elevation gain: 550 ft/170 m)
Duration 5.5–6 hours
Total Distance 6.8 miles/10.9 km
Type of Trail Loop; maintained trail. Hikers afraid of heights may be uncomfortable on a short stretch with a sharp dropoff.

Mudpot Special 8 AM, Tuesdays & Thursdays

Pocket Basin reveals a close-up view of colorful hot springs and bubbling mudpots. Experience the wonders of this dynamic geologic hot spot as we explore a backcountry thermal area along the famous Firehole River.

Area of Park Old Faithful
Difficulty Moderate (Elevation gain: 40 ft/12 m)
Duration 4–4.5 hours
Total Distance 3 miles/4.8 km
Type of Trail Out and back; maintained trail and off-trail travel.

Lone Star Stroll 7:30 AM, Saturdays

Walk through lush forests along the scenic Firehole River and visit Lone Star Geyser, one of Yellowstone’s hidden treasures. Lone Star is an active geyser with a massive geyser cone that erupts a sparkling jet of steaming water every few hours. Also view other rarely-visited backcountry hydrothermal features on an easy riverside stroll along an historic paved road.

Area of Park Old Faithful
Difficulty Easy (Elevation gain: 40 ft/12 m)
Duration 4.5–5 hours
Total Distance 5.8 miles/7.7 km
Type of Trail Out and back; paved road open to bicycles but not motor vehicles.

Shoshone Lake Discovery 8 AM, Wed. & Fri.

The lush meadows along DeLacy Creek are alive with colorful seasonal wildflowers and signs of wildlife. Follow DeLacy Creek to the pebbly shore of Shoshone Lake, the largest backcountry lake in the United States and a beautiful destination for this backcountry hike.

Area of Park Between Old Faithful & West Thumb
Difficulty Moderate (Elevation gain: 200 ft/60 m)
Duration 4.5–5 hours
Total Distance 6 miles/9.6 km
Type of Trail Out and back; maintained trail.

Avalanche Peak Experience 8:15 AM, Saturdays

For a truly “breathtaking” encounter with the wild side of Yellowstone, make the steep ascent above timberline to the knife-edged summit of Avalanche Peak. Here, in the heart of the Absaroka Range, your efforts will be rewarded with one of the most stunning panoramic views of Yellowstone.

Area of Park Fishing Bridge/East Entrance
Difficulty Strenuous (Elevation gain: 2100 ft/650 m)
Duration 6 hours
Total Distance 4 miles/6.4 km
Type of Trail Out and back; maintained, steep trail.

Hayden Valley Venture 8 AM, Fridays

Hike this lesser-used trail through meadows filled with wildflowers to a spectacular view of Hayden Valley. This valley is known for abundant waterfowl and other wildlife such as bison, elk, coyotes, and bears.

Area of Park Canyon
Difficulty Easy to moderate (Elevation gain: 200 ft/60 m)
Duration 4.5–5 hours
Total Distance 6 miles/9.6 km
Type of Trail Loop; maintained trail. May include off-trail sections, muddy areas, and shallow stream crossings.

The Ranger Adventure Hikes are offered as a fee program. Fee programs are those activities that go beyond the scope of our basic interpretive programs, serve a small segment of the visiting public, and tend to be relatively expensive to offer. Fees charged for these hikes go directly back into the program’s budget and help us provide staff and supplies for the activities. They are not intended to replace free interpretive programs.